

Dolphin Pod Post

Dr. Charles R Drew Elementary School



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Reading & Writing

We are kicking off our fourth unit in the Benchmark Advance program. In this unit, we will read and compare selections featuring a range of different kinds of characters and settings, to understand how authors create stories. To help students recognize varying narrators' points of view, the selections in this unit include a variety of genres, from fables and animal fantasy tales to poetry and realistic fiction. This unit will inspire the storyteller in all of us, and will hopefully spark some lively discussions at home. (See parent newsletter for more information).

Math

During the next week, our math class will compare the weights of objects in the classroom by using the words heavier than, lighter than, or the same as. At first, students will compare based simply on feel and may be surprised to find, for example, that even though a cotton ball and a rock are the same size, the rock is heavier than the cotton ball. Students will use a balance scale to say exactly how two items compare: "The marker is as heavy as seven pennies!"

Science & Social Studies

In Social Studies we will be learn about landforms and bodies of water. We will move into learning about human made and man made features. We will use this knowledge to build understanding of modifications humans have made to the land around us.

In Science we will learn about thunderstorms and blizzards. We will design a weather structure to keep humans safe during this weather phenomenon.